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GROW MORE FOOD- New Wall subsidy scheme- Progress Report for February 1948- Boards review- Recorded.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Abstract.

GROW MORE FOOD- Well Subsidy Schemes- Progress Report for the month ending 29-2-1948- Reviewed.

Res. Rt. No. 3165.

Station: Chepauk, Madras. Dated 14th May, 1948.

From

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Read: Reports from the Collectors..

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RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to the Government the following consolidated review of the progress made in respect of all the three well Subsidy Schemes during the month ending 29-2-1948.

2. In spite of an advance reminder the progress reports on all the Well Schemes were received in time only from the Collectors of Chittoor, Kurnool, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly, Tanjore, South Arcot, Madura, Nellore, Bellary, Anantapur and Guntur. Three telegraphic reminders and two references reminders had to be issued to some Collectors. They delayed the reports from 2 to 44 days. This is very unsatisfactory and the Board is constrained to remark that the purpose of reveiwing the progress made in respect of different schemes is defeated by such inordinate delays. The Collectors are therefore requested to see that the progress reports are submitted promptly in future and also to impress on the subordinate officers that any delays will result in disciplinary action being taken.

3. The Board observes that discrepancies pointed out with reference to the previous reviews have not been reconciled as yet. Variations in the figures are not fully explained in spite of repeated instructions. The reports for the month of February 1948 also reveal certain discrepancies. A separate reference is being issued to get them reconciled. This shows that the Collectors have not scrutinised the reports in spite of the previous instructions in the matter. The Collectors are once again requested to see that discrepancies do not recur.

(A) NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME.

The following statement will show at a glance the progress made in the disposal of applications:

No. of cases sanctioned upto 31-1-48.	Amount involved.	No. of cases for disposal during Feb. 1948.	Amount involved.	No. of cases for which loans sanctioned during Feb 1948.	Amount involved.
27,956	94,64,189	52,449	2,04,97,420	4,052	13,29,800

No. of cases sanctioned upto 29-2-1948.	Amount involved.	No. of cases for which actual payment was made upto 29-2-1948.	Amount involved.	No. of cases rejected during Feb. 1948.	Amount involved.
32,008	1,08,93,989	28,966	97,63,344	7,639	28,51,310

No. of case s pending d isposal on 1-3-1948.
40,758

(a) Out of 52,449 cases for disposal during the month only 4,052 cases were sanctioned and 7,639 cases were rejected thus leaving a large balance of 40,758 cases without final action. Though 32,008 cases were sanctioned upto 29-2-1948, Collectors are requested to see that payment of subdidy-loans is made as soon as sanction is accorded. Failure to make prompt payment is one of the most serious drawbacks to the services of the scheme. Deliberate dilatory tactics that may be employed by officials must be visited with immediate exemplary punishment.

(b) In spite of repeated remarks the disposal of applications is very poor in the districts of North Arcot, Chittoor, Trichinopoly Bellary and West Godavari being less than 20% poor in the districts of Chingleput, Kurnool, Ramnad, South Arcot, Nellore, Salem, Kistna and Guntur being less than 25%. In the districts of Malabar and South Kanara the number of applications received are very few when compared with those in other districts and the number of cases rejected is very large. The Collectors are requested to make the scheme popular amoung the ryots and make it a success in their district. The disposal of applications was fair in the districts of Tanjore, Madura, Coimbatore, Anantapur, Cuddapah, East Godavari and South Kanara being above 25% and very fair in the district of Tinnevelly being above 50%. The payment of subsidy has been stopped on 31-3-1948. The Collectors are requested to issue necessary instructions to the subordinates to inspect as many well works as possible during their tours so that the construction of wells is completed soon.

TANKS--- NEW AND OLD.

(c) Out of 296 applications in respect of new tanks and 305 applications in respect of old tanks for disposal during the month under review, only 22 applications for the new tanks and 16 for the old tanks have been sanctioned. 107 applications for both new and old tanks have been rejected beginning of March, 1948. The disposal of applications in Malabar and South Kanara districts is poor being less than 25% of the total applications.

B. ACCELERATED WELL SCHEME.

NEW WELLS.

	Upto 31-1-48.	In the month.	Upto 29-2-1948.
1. Number of wells completed	38,225	394	38,619
2. Number of wells in progress	18,905	minus313	18,592
3. Number of wells to be t taken up including the cases in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered.	4,466	minus 82	4,384
Total number of wells for which subsidy has been paid.	61,596		61,595

In his progress report for February, 1948, the Collector of Salem has reported that the number of wells completed under the schema is only 1,582 against 2,184 shown in his progress report for Janaury, 1948, and hence the totals of number of wells completed upto 31-1-1948 and 29-2-1948 in the review for February 1948 are less than those shown in the return for the previous month. In the reveiw for January, 1948 the number of wells in progress was shown as 18,867. This was a mistake for 18,263 committed while fair copying. The net result is that there were 18,905 wells in progress on 31-1-1948.

The total number of wells for which subsidies have been paid is only 61,595 and not 61,596 as shown in the review for January, 1948. The difference of one is due to the revised figure furnished by the Collector of Salem for February, 1948. The Collector is requested to see that correct figures are furnished in future as the scheme is coming to a close on 30-6-1948.

(2) OLD WELLS.

	Upto 31-1-48	In the month.	Upto 29-2-48.
1. Number of wells completed.	23,710	182	23,892
2. Number of wells in progress		Not furnihhed	2,416
3. Number of wells the construction of which has not been started, or for which the recovery has been ordered or for which the amount of subsidy has been written off.		Not furnished	8,408
Total number of wells for which subsidy has been paid	30,716		30,716

The total amount paid towards subsidies in Chittoor, District was reported to be only Rs. 5,09,341. But in the fiture furnihhed for Feburary, 1948 the Collector has shown it as 5,20,341 and the result is that there is an increase in the total amount paid as subsidies. The Collector of Chittoor is requested to furnish correct figures in future. The Board observes that subsidies have been paid for 61,595 new wells and 30,716 old wells. Of these the number of wells completed under the item of new wells upto Febzuazyy, 1948 was only 38,225 and in February, 1948 only 394 thus making a total of 38,619 new wells. So also the

number of wells completed under the item of old wells upto February, 1948, was only 23,710 and in February, 1948, only 182 thus making a toral of 23,892. In spite of the extension of time limit for the completion of wells the result achieved is very poor. The time as extended for the completion of new wells will expire on 30-6-48 and for old wells thetime has already expired on 30-4_48 The Collectors are requested to see that as many new wells as possible are completed within the prescribed time and that steps are taken without further delay to recovery the subsidies paid for the old wells which have not yet been started. In regard to wells in progress the Board is examining the question separately.

The following statment will show the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of food grains produced under this scheme upto the end of the month under review:

		New Wells.	Old Wells.
1. Additional area brought under irrigation.	Acres	52,340.11	31,046.16
2. Additional quantity of food grains produced.	Tons.	22,486.62	10,704.89

During the month under review the Collector of Chittoor sanctionad the write off of the subsidy of Rs. 310/- each for 2 new wells.

9,524 new wells and 4,100 old wells were inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers upto the end of the month under review. The percentage of wells inspected to Revenue Divisional Officers in the districts of Ramnad, Malabar, the new wells under the scheme during the month under review and no old well was inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers of the districts of Chingleput, Kurnool, Malabr, Anantapur, East Godavari, Kistana and South Kanara during the month. The Board regrets to observe that the Revenue Divisional Officers of Cuddapah, Bellary and Guntur have not yet inspected a single old well upto the month under review. Collectors are requested to see that the Revenue Divisional Officers inspect more wells during their tours and that the Collectors themselves inspect a fair percentage.

C. CEDED DISTRICTS MODIFED SCHEME.

The Ceded Districts Modified Scheme came to a close on 1-3-47 and the time allowed under the scheme for completion of the old wells was 30-4_48 and the new wells was 30-6-48. The fitur furnished by the Collector of Bellary in his progress report for January, 1948 under column (2) the number of wells for which subsidies have been paid was 712 for new wells and 100 for old wells. The Collector has, at this closing stage of the scheme, in his progress report for February, 1948, furnished the figures under the above two items as 709 and 101. This is very unsatisfactory. According to the revised figured thus furnished by the Collector the total number of new wells for which subsidies have been paid comes to 1,959 and old wells 529. The number of new wells completed so far is only 177 and that of old wells is only 203. The Collectors should take special interest to see that all the new wells are completed before 30-6-1948. He should also take steps to recover the amounts from the grantees who have not completed the old wells by 30-4_1948.

The following statement shows the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of food grains produced under this sscheme:---

		New Wells	Old wells.
1. Area brought under irrigation	Acres	468.10	344.00
2. Quantity of food grains produced.	Tons	188.00	146.60Ø/

Out of 1,959 new wells and 529 old wells sanctioned under this scheme only 423 new wells and 73 old wells were inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers. The Board views with a the disfavour that even at this closing stages of the schemes the Revenue Divisional Officers of Bellary and Cuddapah have not inspected a single old well and that the Revenue Divisional Officers of Kurnool have not inspected any well in the month under reveiw. It observes that the Collectors have not taken sufficient interest in the scheme and that the subordinates do not seem torealise its importance. Frequent inspections by superior officers will stimulate the ryots to take full advantage of the scheme andcomplete the works soon.

GENERAL: The time for completion of repairs to old wells expired on 304-48. There are still, however, a large number of wells in respect of which the work has not been completed as shown below:---

Name of the Scheme.	Number of wells. For which subsidies were paid	Completed.	In progress.	In respect of which work has not been started.	In respect of which recovery has been ordered or made	In respect of which write off has been made or ordered.
1. Accelerated Scheme.	30,716	23,892	2,416	926	3,480	2
2. Ceded Dists. Modified Scheme.	529	203	119	32	175	

The Board is examining separately whether any further concession should be shown in respect of repairs to old wells which are still in progress.

Sd.
for Joint Secretary.

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Copy to the Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, Madras, with extracts of the statements for the districts of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool.

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